

WHEN YOU THINK OF FRAGRANT GLADS
1955 THINK OF 1955
O. E. SPENCER 103 E. GLEN AVENUE



Dear Friends,

This is the shortest list I have offered in several years but I think it makes up in quality what it lacks in quantity. I have dropped all the fragrant glads from other growers because they have been surpassed by later varieties or are well distributed in commerce. I am concentrating on my own hybridizing and as soon as one of my seedlings is well distributed among the commercial growers, I drop out of the field of distribution. Collins, Roberts, and Gove all list my fragrant glads and Stevenson of Valley Stream Farm will offer them in Canada.

I carry small stocks of many of the older fragrances for my hybridizing and would be willing to share a few bulbs with other hybridizers.

This year I have finally achieved one of my illusive goals a fragrant red. My two new seedlings are both a shade of red and are a worthy addition to the fragrant clan.

My one business rule remains the same as it has always been "YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE"

Sincerely,

O. E. Spencer

DARK FRAGRANCE
(Burma X Cologne)

DARK FRAGRANCE is a clear maroon red, 19 buds, 6 open, 8 in color $4\frac{1}{2}$ " 5" lightly ruffled florets, on a strong straight stem. Dark Fragrance has good growing habits and is a rapid propagator. Dark Fragrance is a full sister to Red Scent but blooms 10 days earlier. Dark Fragrance has a good and persistent fragrance. Dark Fragrance and Red Scent are the first seedlings of Cologne and have inherited many of that variety's good qualities.
PRICE: L. \$3.00 M. \$2.50 S. \$2.00

RED SCENT
(Burma X Cologne)

RED SCENT is a bright scarlet, more red than orange; 17-19 buds, 6 open, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " nicely ruffled florets, on an always straight stem, RED SCENT is a clean grower and rapid propagator. The fragrance is similar to Cologne. This is a good commercial color and Red Scent will bloom from any size bulb and many of the bulblets will bloom. The Burma-Cologne cross was one of those fortunate crosses where the desired qualities of both parents were combined in the off spring.
PRICE: L. \$3.00 M. \$2.50 S. \$2.00

SWEET DREAM

Gwen X (Summer Breeze X New Era)

Sweet Dream won as the most fragrant glad at the Pennsylvania state show last year over Perfume and Thisisit. Sweet Dream is the most fragrant glad offered for sale to date. Sweet Dream is a lavender rose with a rose red dart on a cream throat; 18 buds 5-6 open, 5" ruffled florets on a big strong growing plant. There is one catch, it is a very slow propagator. I am offering bulbs 1" and up, primarily for show and breeding.

Limit one to a customer with an order.

PRICE: \$2.00

SWEETIE

(Rose Gem X Thisisit)

SWEETIE is a bright light red with a large white throat; 3" lightly ruffled florets, 5-6 open on a 14-16 bud spike, in double row placement. Plant medium height but it cuts well balanced spikes. It makes dainty little spikes from small bulbs that are fine for table decorations. Sweetie has a good fragrance, is an easy grower and good multiplier.

PRICE L. \$2.00 M. \$1.25 S. \$.75

PINK FRAGRANCE

(Frilled Fragrance X Summer Breeze)

PINK FRAGRANCE is practically the same breeding as Thisisit except Frilled Fragrance replaced New Era in the cross. Pink Fragrance opens wider than Thisisit but the ruffling and fragrance are about the same. The color is clear light pink shading lighter in the throat. 19 buds, 6-8 open, 4½" florets on a strong always straight stem. I have had several fine reports on Pink Fragrance.

PRICE L. \$2.00 M. \$1.25 S. \$.75

PROGRESS

(Incense X Incense)X(Arethusa X New Era)XPerfume)

PROGRESS is a rose red leaning more toward the red. 4" lightly ruffled florets, 6-8 open on a 17 bud spike. Progress is a good clean grower and good propagator. The color of Progress has not been too popular but it should be of interest to hybridizers because of its breeding. It is a good seed producer.

PRICE L. \$2.00 M. \$1.25 S. \$.75

YELLOW ROSE

(Seedling X Seedling)

YELLOW ROSE has been one of my most popular introductions. Color is a medium yellow with two small red brush marks in the throat. 4½" ruffled florets, 5-6 open on a tall slender 16-18 bud spike. Is a strong grower and propagator and is probably the best cut flower type of the fragrant.

PRICE L. \$1.50 M. \$1.00 S. \$.50

SACHET
(Perfume X (Mibloom X Maid of Orleans))

SACHET is a heavily ruffled pure white of good substance, 6 open and 6 in color on a 15 bud spike. The $3\frac{1}{2}$ " florets are formally placed and strongly attached. Stem is medium height and always straight. Sachet is less creamy than Perfume and does not have the throat blotch. The fragrance of Sachet is not strong but is persistent and will remain until the entire spike is bloomed out.
PRICE L. \$.50 M. \$.30 S. \$.20

SWEET 'N LOVELY
(Paula Ann X Perfume)

SWEET 'N LOVELY combines the blood lines of Picardy, New Era, Joli, and Summer Breeze. Sweet 'N Lovely is a light pink shading lighter toward a red dart in the throat. Florets are slightly winged and ruffled. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " florets, 5-6 open on a medium height, always straight 17 bud spike. Sweet 'N Lovely has a rose type fragrance. This is the oldest variety in my list and still a good seller. PRICE L \$.25 M. \$.20 S. Two for \$.25

CHERUB
(Seedling X Seedling)

CHERUB is the only non fragrant glad in my list. Cherub is a clean light pink shading to a white throat with white mid-ribs. 3" nicely ruffled florets, 5-6 open, 18 buds on a $4\frac{1}{4}$ " always straight well placed spike. This is a good show glad in the 242 class. Three spikes of Cherub just missed the class champion at the Illinois state show by a hair for Glenn Pierce, who bought part of the stock of Cherub last year as a co-introducer.
PRICE L. \$2.00 M. \$1.50 S. \$1.00

All orders are prepaid anywhere in the U.S.A. These bulbs have been state inspected, both in the field and in storage. All bulbs were dug cleaned and treated by me personally. 10 bulbs of a size and kind at 8 times the price of one, 5 bulbs at the ten rate.

THESE BULBS ARE GUARANTEED. YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE.

REV. O. E. SPENCER
103 E. GLEN AVE.
PEORIA HEIGHTS, ILL.

